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Thu 2030 WOR WWCN 15825
Thu 2300 WOR World FM, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand 88.2
Thu 2330 WOR R. Veronica 106.5
Fri 0000 WOR WTND-LP 106.3 Macomb IL
Fri 0200 WOR ACBRadio Mainstream [repeated 2-hourly thru 2400]
Fri 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Fri 2000 WOR RFPI [repeated 4-hourly thru 1600 Sat]
Fri 2105 WOR World FM, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand 88.2
Sat 0400 WOR VoiceCorps Reading Service, WOSU-FM subcarrier, cable
Sat 0800 WOR WRN to Eu, Au, NZ, WorldSpace AfriStar, AsiaStar
Sat 0855 WOR WNQM Nashville TN 1300
Sat 1000 WOR WPKN Bridgeport CT 89.5 & WPKM Montauk LINY 88.7
Sat 1600 WOR R. Veronica 106.5
Sat 1730 WOR WRN to North America
 (including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 140 ex-115]
Sat 2100 WOR WRMI 7385
Sat 2300 WOR Radio Studio X 1584 <http://www.radiostudiox.it/>
Sun 0230 WOR WWCN 5070
Sun 0300 WOR WBCQ 9330-CLSB
Sun 0630 WOR WWCN 3210
Sun 0730 WOR World FM, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand 88.2
Sun 0830 WOR WRN to North America, also WLIQ-TV Lima OH SAP
 (including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 140 ex-115]
Sun 0830 WOR KSFC Spokane WA 91.9
Sun 0830 WOR WXPB Rhinelander WI 91.7 91.9 100.9
Sun 0830 WOR WDWN Auburn NY 89.1 [unconfirmed]
Sun 0830 WOR KTRU Houston TX 91.7 [occasional]

Sun 1300 WOR KRFP-LP Moscow ID 92.5
Sun 1400 WOR WRMI 7385
Sun 1730 WOR WRN1 to North America
(including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 140 ex-115]
Sun 1900 WOR RNI
Mon 0300 WOR WBCQ 9330-CLSB
Mon 0330 WOR WSUI Iowa City IA 910
Mon 0415 WOR WBCQ 7415 [usually closer to 0418-]
Mon 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Mon 1800 WOR RFPI [repeated 4-hourly thru 1400 Tue]
Tue 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Tue 2330 WOR WBCQ 7415 [usually but temporary]
Wed 0000 WOR CJOY INTERNET RADIO plug-in required [ex Sat 1600]
Wed 0930 WOR WWCW 9985
Wed 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours

Latest edition of this schedule version, with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WRN ON DEMAND [from Fri]:

<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

WORLD OF RADIO Extra 61 (high version):

(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/worx61h.ram>

(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/worx61h.rm>

[Extra 61 is same as COM 05-07; high version adds WOR opening]

WORLD OF RADIO Extra 61 (low version):

(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0507.ram>

(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0507.rm>

(summary) <http://www.worldofradio.com/com0507.html>

WORLD OF RADIO Extra 61 in true SW sound of Alex's mp3

(stream) http://www.dxprograms.net/worldofradio_09-28-05.m3u

(download) http://www.dxprograms.net/worldofradio_09-28-05.mp3

WORLD OF RADIO Extra 61 downloads in studio-quality mp3:

(high) <http://www.obriensweb.com/worx61h.mp3>

(low) <http://www.obriensweb.com/worx61.mp3>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCAST: www.obriensweb.com/wor.xml

(currently: 1284, Extra 60, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, Extra 61)

WORLD OF RADIO ON CJOY INTERNET RADIO: Change of program time. Dear Glenn, do to a church activity, I had to change the time I air your program to Tuesdays 8:00 P.M. Eastern, 7:00 P.M. Central [UT Wednesday

0000]. Sorry for the abrupt change. Visit my radio room at:
<http://www.cjoyinternetradio.com>
From (Pastor Darryl Breffe, MA, Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not to be confused with CJOY, 1460, Guelph ON (gh)

DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS Sept 28 by John Norfolk:
<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>

** ALASKA. KNLS Broadcast Schedule Starting October 30, 2005, B-05:

Time	Frequency (khz)	Meters	Language
0800-0900	9615	31	English
0800-0900	9655	31	Mandarin
0900-1000	9615	31	Russian
0900-1000	9655	31	Mandarin
1000-1100	9615	31	English
1000-1100	9655	31	Mandarin
1100-1200	7355	41	Mandarin
1100-1200	9655	31	Russian
1200-1300	7355	41	English
1200-1300	9615	31	English
1300-1400	7355	41	Mandarin
1300-1400	9655	31	Mandarin
1400-1500	7355	41	Mandarin
1400-1500	9655	31	English
1500-1600	7355	41	Mandarin
1500-1600	9655	31	Russian
1600-1700	7355	41	Mandarin
1600-1700	9655	31	Russian
1700-1800	7355	41	Russian
1700-1800	9655	41	Mandarin

(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Sept 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 24 hours later, DGS was back on 11775 around 1330 UT Sept 27, having been missing on Sept 26 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Re 5-169: Glenn, I was intrigued at the observations re a Korean movie and a HF frequency in Antarctica. I'm almost sure having logged in the late 80s one or two of the British Antarctic bases operating around 9 MHz (was it 9022 perhaps?). American bases were regularly heard around 11.5 MHz. I don't have any old Klingenfuss at hand, but I'm pretty sure both frequencies were possible in Italy in our winter I think. Traffic was typical inter- base chit-chat, like you would expect from local aero net. All that has likely migrated to

land or mil satellites VHF/UHF, perhaps some back-up still nominally in use (Andy Lawendel, Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. ANTARTIDA, 15476, LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, 1901-2030, 26-09, buena señal y muy estable desde las 1901 que cerró AFRICA no. 1 hasta las 2020 que empezó a deteriorarse. Múltiples identificaciones: "Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel", "De Esperanza al mundo, un contraste entre la actividad del clima y la belleza natural", "continuamos con Rincón de Patria". "Si quieren comunicarse con nosotros, nuestros teléfonos: 08102220700 interior 316 y 216; si llama desde el exterior del país: 00542974445304 y 00542974445319, nuestro correo electrónico lra36 @ infovia.com.ar , nuestra dirección postal: Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, C. P. 9411 Antártida Argentina". "Desde la Base Esperanza transmite LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel en español en la frecuencia de 15476 kHz de lunes a viernes para todo el mundo". Comentarios deportivos, torneo apertura argentino. Cuento "Amor Verdadero", tipo obra de teatro. Entrevista con un Sargento de la Base. SINPO muy estable entre 1901 y 2020 34333. A partir de 2020 la señal se deterioró y a partir de las 2030 resultaba apenas audible (Manuel Méndez, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable 10 metros orientada WSW, Lugar de escucha: Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, España, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. RAE 11710 kHz. Magnificent signal in English at 0210 UT Sept 28 [Wed] with usual musical selections from the English Department. Argentine News items at 0213. Back to tango music at 22 past the hour. Part II of the Argentine News at 0227. Folk & Tango music at 0233. At 0242 a few items of "This Day In History". RAE sked and address and QSL request information followed. IRC's are requested but please no cash! Tangos followed at 0246. A brief sports review at 0249. After a tango, a program lineup and IS at 0256 with multi-language ID's, National Anthem, time pips over Anthem, then full multi-language ID's at 0303, and finally into French at 0305. Best reception in years, 454 (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, HF-2050, KLM 7-30 MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 7875-USB: This may be an Australian Defence Forces relay as they used to broadcast via a USB station around 8 MHz several years ago. If so, would be for Australian forces in Asia (Bruce W. Churchill, CA, DXplorer Sep 24 via BCDX via DXLD)

The Sept 27 edition of WWDXC Top news at <http://www.wwdxc.de/topnews.htm> contains an item suggesting that this 7875 transmission is from a new DOD station called AXAA at Exmouth, North West Cape, Western Australia (gh, DXLD)

ABC PERTH FROM AUSTRALIA RELAYED ON 7875 KHZ SHORTWAVE

A shortwave relay of the ABC domestic service for Perth and Western Australia remains a mystery to the international DXing community. A transmitter relaying 6WF Perth (720 kHz) has been heard around the world on 7875 kHz USB. ABC programming has been heard also around 15060 kHz.

According to the Register of Radiocommunications Licences of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), 7875 kHz has been allocated to the Department of Defence. When asked by DXing.info, the Department was unable to confirm that the Armed forces would be running this new shortwave operation.

ACMA database gives two entries on 7875 kHz, with another showing "North West Cape Receiver Site" in Exmouth in Western Australia listed as the transmitter site, and the other showing "Australia wide" as area.

The ACMA frequency allocations for the Department of Defence date back to 1993 and 1994. The transmitter in Exmouth has a power of 40 kW, and was heard in 1993 with programming produced by the Australian Armed Forces Radio. ACMA reveals nothing on 15060 kHz, but 15055 kHz is listed for the Department of Defence, approved a year ago.

ABC Perth has not been informed that they are being relayed on shortwave. Steve Napier from the ABC technical staff in Perth says to DXing.info that he is unaware of the shortwave broadcasts. One option could be a retransmission of the satellite feed. "We relay the program from this (720 AM Perth) station to the Foxtel satellite network which I think relays via Optus C1 but is likely relayed on other satellites", Napier writes to DXing.info.

David Hodgson in the United States was the first to report hearing ABC on 7875 kHz on September 18 in DXLD 5-165. Meanwhile, John Schache in Australia reports on DXing.info that he has heard ABC programming also on "approximately 15060" kHz shortwave. More information about the station can be found in the DXing.info Community (DXing.info, September 25, 2005, edited on September 26 via Han Hardonk, BDXC via DXLD)

Exmouth contains also US Air Force and Navy National Defense - Military and Overseas Government Installations since 1963, like very low freq fixed submarine broadcast system site.
<http://www.apfn.org/apfn/pinegap.htm> Learmonth RAAF base. (wb)

See under Google search: +Exmouth+Australia+Defense

"Two major communications facilities will close with the introduction

of the modernised high freq communication system. The Canberra communication site, and the High Frequency component situated at Harold E. Holt at Exmouth, Western Australia, will be decommissioned commencing in July 2005."...

Very low frequency fixed submarine broadcast system site:

... "Continental Electronics Corporation, Dallas, Texas, is being awarded a \$5,626,886 indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity, cost-plus-incentive-fee type contract to provide upgrades, modifications, engineering support, on-site technical services, material procurement and maintenance to extend the life of the very low frequency fixed submarine broadcast system sites. The scope of work includes manufacturing, assembly, integration, installation and testing. Work will be performed in Dallas, Texas (50%); Cutler, Maine (10%); Arlington, Wash. (10%); Lualualei, Hawaii (10%); Exmouth, Australia (10%); and Aguada, Puerto Rico (10%), and is expected to be completed by September 1999." (BCDX via DXLD)

At the moment, Sep. 27 at 1909 UT, I am not hearing ABC on 7875.05 USB. Other nights they came in pretty loud here in the Netherlands. Propagation issue, or is this transmitter off the air? 73', (Mark Veldhuis, dxldyg via DXLD)

I checked 7875 this morning at 1200 for the ABC station and heard nothing. Checking again at 2130 and nothing now either. Propagation or off? (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, Sept 27, *ibid.*)

Steve, I didn't check this morning, but I heard them yesterday morning (Chuck Bolland, FL, Sept 27, *ibid*)

I did check yesterday (9/27) at around 1800; it was off. Regds (Alokesh Gupta, India, *ibid.*)

They may have changed to another frequency, or halted shortwave broadcasts altogether for the moment. BTW, I got a confirmation from the Department of Defence that the broadcasts on 7875 kHz USB did indeed originate from Exmouth, Western Australia. You can read the full story at the News page of DXing.info. [as above] (Mika M%kel%inen, Finland, Sept 28, dxing.info via DXLD)

** BAHAMAS. Hi folks. Wonder if Radio Bahamas or at least ZNS1 has an FM Stereo outlet for the same transmission they have on AM 1540, what will make their problem bigger. Why this? Well, the same issue Paul David is commenting here dealing with AFN MW Europe [see USA [non]], is suffering ZNS1, that is, only one channel, whether R or L of the recording, can be heard on the air. So for listeners on FM they must be listening to only one channel.

Now, the thing is that with old stereo recordings, or at least the way they were originally mixed (the 60s), this is highly noticeable. That's why from the early 70s as I recall, they began to place the core (main part) of the recordings in the middle of both speakers, leaving extra instruments for one or other channel, without affecting the main idea of the song.

And you are right Paul, assuming this is coming from the original output area, where one of the plugs of a given channel must be loosen, disconnected or cable broken. You won't notice this unless they are playing an original mono recording among the stereo (majority) ones. Regards (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** BELGIUM [non]. RUSSIANS TAKE RIGHT-WING FLEMISH PROGRAMME OFF THE AIR**

The controversial weekly shortwave radio programme Zwart of Wit (Black or White) produced by Flemish MP Jurgen Verstrepen of the right-wing political party Vlaams Belang has been taken off the air by the Russian government. The programme was originally intended to be broadcast in DRM mode, but transmission providers in Germany and the UK refused to air it after being made aware of its political content. Vlaams Belang then started renting airtime on an analogue shortwave transmitter in Russia. A report in the Gazet van Antwerpen, quoted by Verstrepen, mentions the site as Gregoriopol [sic] which is actually in the Transdnistria part of Moldova. We believe the site to be Krasnodar, and elsewhere on the page Verstrepen himself comments that "pressure was great, even on the Black Sea", which fits.

According to Verstrepen, the Russian authorities began investigating the content of his programmes, and even requested an English translation. They then ordered the broadcasting of the programme from Russian transmitters to be stopped. Verstrepen says he believes the Russians were acting on information from the Belgian government, as he cannot believe they would suddenly launch an investigation on their own initiative. He says he had a legally binding contract for the broadcasts via Russia. The programme scheduled for 25 September was not broadcast, but Verstrepen says he has not so far received an official explanation from the Russians.

Verstrepen says on his website that "the shortwave transmitter is temporarily off the air" but that the weekly programme will continue via the Internet, MP3, podcasting and live streaming.

Jurgen Verstrepen <http://jurgenverstrepen.typepad.com/>
posted by Andy @ 13:13 UT Sept 29 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** BENIN. 5025, ORTB, 1830-1840, 26-09, programa en franc  s, locutor, comentarios, m  sica africana. Desde que Radio Tashkent se traslad   a 5060 kHz se recibe bi  n esta emisora por aqu  . Antes estaba casi siempre eclipsada (Manuel M  ndez, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable 10 metros orientada WSW, Lugar de escucha: Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Espa  a, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Is Sackville falling apart and the only people who can fix it are locked out? Sept 26, RCI was missing from 13655 for the morning broadcast; Sept 27 it's just the reverse with 13655 on and the other two frequencies, 9515 and 17800 missing at 1328 UT check, allowing some gospel huxter in English to be heard on 9510, and DW on 17800 until 1350* The next day, Sept 28 around 1345, only 13655 was on the air, weaker than usual, but at 1441 check, 9515 was back on with a better signal, still no 17800. The next2 day, Sept 29, only 9515 was to be heard at 1310 and 1453 checks (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {Anyone notice one or two other Sackville frequencies missing at other dayparts, from RCI or relays? RCI seems lower priority}

** CANADA. LABOUR MINISTER FINALLY TURNS UP HEAT

It took six weeks -- and the starting of a new session of Parliament -
- for the federal labour minister to issue a strongly worded statement regarding the current labour morass at CBC/Radio-Canada.
Ricky Leong, Calgary (Temporarily back in Montreal)

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<http://www.news.gc.ca/cfm/view/en/index.jsp?articleid=171469&>

Minister Fontana Speaking Notes

Thank you for accepting my invitation to meet today to discuss the status of your negotiations and to attempt to develop a plan to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion without further delay.

I very much hope that everyone here today has the same goal --- and that is, to obtain a collectively bargained resolution of this dispute and a return to normal broadcast operations at CBC as quickly as possible. If there is anyone here present who does not have that objective, then I would ask that that person identify themselves right now.

Mediation talks have now dragged on for over a month. I am very concerned about the length of time it is taking to deal with the issues in dispute, and want to hear from you as to why a settlement is taking so long.

I simply cannot comprehend why people as talented and skilled as the

members of these two bargaining committees cannot come up with creative ideas to resolve the issues at the heart of this dispute. But since this appears to be the case, I am asking those who make the decisions and set the mandate to turn their minds to finding the solutions that seem to be evading the committees.

It is trite to say that the CBC is a Canadian icon. You all know that. But having said that, as representatives of the CBC and the CMG respectively, you all have a responsibility to the Canadian public to resolve your remaining differences and resume normal broadcast operations. Both parties to this dispute are doing a major disservice to themselves and to all Canadians by failing to find the means to resolve the remaining issues.

Fifty-five hundred people have now been on the street for forty-three days and Canadians have been deprived of the service to which they are entitled, because your committees can't reach a compromise. This is simply unacceptable. You all need to keep in mind that the CBC is a public institution, not the private playground of the union and management.

I have received an extraordinary number of complaints from Canadians expressing their frustration with this dispute, and I know that my Cabinet colleagues have also been inundated with complaints. I think it is also fair to say that the Canadian public and its elected representatives are fed up with the detrimental impact your dispute is having on the operations of the CBC. Canadians are starting to question the need for a public broadcaster.

Clearly, it is time to settle this dispute, in the interest of all Canadians, and the CBC itself. Both sides need to take a hard look at their current positions and reconsider whether maintaining that position is likely to lead to a positive outcome. I am asking you, after this length of time, is that you need to look for another approach.

I am asking each of you for a plan that could realistically be expected to bring your negotiations to a successful conclusion in the shortest possible timeframe (via Ricky Leong, DXLD)

CBC OFFERS TO LIMIT CONTRACT WORKER HIRES

By BRUCE CHEADLE Wednesday, September 28, 2005 Posted at 9:18 PM EDT
Canadian Press

Ottawa ó CBC management tabled a proposal for its locked-out workers Wednesday that would cap the number of contract employees the public broadcaster can hire.

The 55-page ``comprehensive offer`` --- seven weeks after CBC locked its doors --- came as some Liberal MPs were openly musing about taking away the Crown corporation's right to lock out employees in future.

George Smith, the CBC's senior vice-president of human resources, said a key element of the offer was to cap the number of additional contract workers hired at 90 in each of the next four years.

``That addresses the concerns that we've heard from the employees, that we've heard from the union, that this was about some sort of unlimited, unfettered right to turn this into a contract-only organization,`` Mr. Smith said in an interview.

But with 180 contract workers currently employed, the proposed cap would permit a significant increase in the itinerant work force.

``They've known for 16 months that we oppose the concept of additional contract workers at CBC,`` said Arnold Amber, a branch president of the Canadian Media Guild representing 5,500 locked-out CBC workers.

Management's offer amounts to a 150 per cent increase in contract workers, said Mr. Amber. ``It's outrageous.``

The CBC proposal came amid increasing pressure from the governing Liberals to reach a deal.

Earlier Wednesday, Labour Minister Joe Fontana emerged from a Liberal caucus meeting on Parliament Hill to suggest progress was being made -- ``albeit there are still difficult issues ahead.``

The dispute hinges on layoff provisions and management's desire to fill more contract positions.

Talk of the lockout dominated as Liberal MPs and senators gathered behind closed doors for their weekly national meeting.

``I think it's key that there is a huge political will within that caucus to get CBC back on the air --- now,`` said Toronto MP Sarmite Bulte, parliamentary secretary to Heritage Minister Liza Frulla.

Some Liberals are suggesting that either labour laws or the mandate of Crown corporations need to be re-examined because of the frequency of lockouts in recent years by CBC management. Various unionized CBC groups have been locked out three times in the past five years.

``Do we look at the Labour Act? Maybe we should,`` said Ms. Bulte. ``I think it's inappropriate that Canadians have been locked out of the CBC. That's what I think is inappropriate.``

MP Denis Coderre, a former Liberal cabinet minister, was more direct. ``Three times in a row, three lockouts in five years? I'm sorry. I don't accept that,`` he said. ``We should stop that lockout once and for all At the end of the day I know one thing: there's a lot of people that don't have the public service that they should deserve.``

Mr. Fontana refused to offer an opinion on whether government-funded agencies should be permitted to lock out workers, calling it ``a balance between employee rights and employer's rights.``

But the labour minister did not dismiss what he said would be ``a fundamental change.``

``We'd have to think about that in the whole context of the labour code and how we move forward. But that's not for today.`` (via Ricky Leong, Sept 28, DXLD)

**** CHINA [and non]. CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL WILL INTRODUCE DIGITAL BROADCASTS TO SRI LANKA --- Sunil C. Perera - Reporting from Colombo**
http://www.asiantribune.com/show_news.php?id=15724

Colombo, 27 September, (Asiantribune.com): The China Radio International [CRI] wishes to introduce digital system to air their daily radio programmes and popularize Sinhala programme among the local masses.

Director of Sinhala Service -CRI Mr. Wang Xiao Dong who is currently in Colombo says that the CRI needs more contributions from its listeners to introduce new programmes.

Speaking to media in Colombo, Mr. Dong said that the CRI would introduce digital radios for the local listeners after the launching of their digital broadcasts.

"It will take little time,`` said Dong. The CRI is now establishing Teacher and student circles in all Sri Lankan schools to make them aware about China.

"We will provide all necessary information about China, its economy, environment, industries, technology and many more, said Mr. Dong. The local CRI listeners club supports CRI effort to popularize CRI Sinhala service among the local masses.

"We are collecting our listeners' proposals on our Radio programmes during my short visit in Sri Lanka. We will meet Sri Lankan listeners in Kegalle, Nuwaraeliya and some selected areas to gather their views on our programmes," he said.

The CRI was set up in 1943 and it commenced its Sinhala Service in 1975 on a request made by late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

According to President of the Association for Listeners of China Radio International Mr. Nandasena Madawanaarchchi, the Listeners Association will establish close links with the local schools. So that the teachers and the students are made aware about China's new innovations.

China is world's number two economy and its current growth is 9 per cent per annum. He said that the CRI would assist local students to obtain scholarships in Chinese educational institutions. "Our listeners will receive additional marks if the Chinese institutions would select local students," he said. -- Asian Tribune - (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

?? Digital in what format, on what frequencies, from what site? Relays in SL? DRM as already in use from several SW sites in China? Geez, why write such an article and not even mention such basic info (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 6035, La Voz del Guaviare, San Jos  del Guaviare, Colombia, 27/09, 0945, Mexican music, TC + ID: "Tenemos las 4 y 50 minutos en La Voz del Guaviare, RCN", more music (Fernando Viloria, Guacara - Carabobo State - Venezuela, Rx: Icom IC-720 transceiver; Antenna: 1/4 wave sloper, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 6139.78, Radio L der makes another appearance Sept 28, 0821-0907; believe not on since last heard Sept 2; Man announcer with program of Spanish ballads, love songs, etc.; many short IDs; 0827 & 0857 chimes, full ID and chimes again; ToH musical fanfare, short ID, brief mention of a bank; fair-good (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340 + T2FD antenna, dxldyg via DXLD)

6140, Radio L der, Bogot , Colombia, 28/09, 444, 1024, Two MA reading jobs offers, greetings to listeners on their birthdays, simple TC, News: Vegetables prices, International news from Per , Venezuela, Espa a. ID: "Desde Bogot  transmite Radio L der, HJCU, canal preferencia, 730 kilociclos, otra potente estaci n de la cadena Melod a... En Radio L der 730 kilociclos, est n las mejores voces de la noticia... Radio L der 730 kilociclos, mejor, imposible", Then news program "Cundinamarca al d a" (Fernando Viloria, Guacara - Carabobo State - Venezuela, Rx: Icom IC-720 transceiver, Antenna: 1/4 wave sloper, Antenna tuner: MFJ - 956 (passive), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Believe the last date reported active had been Sept 2. Will this one also prove to be for one day only? No, two in a row so far! (gh, DXLD)

Reactivada Radio Líder en los 6139.76 kHz; captada el 29/09, a la 0128 UT, con SINPO 43433. Emitía el espacio "Botánica y Naturismo", con llamadas de los oyentes al aire. Identificación a la 0133 y tema cantado en francés al parecer por Julio Iglesias. Sin embargo, la interferencia de La Voz de Turquía y Radio Habana Cuba en el mismo canal, sigue dificultando la captación de la emisora neogranadina a determinadas horas. 73s y buen DX (Adán González, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6139.80, R. Líder, Cadena Melodía en español, 0515-0600 UT, 29-09-2005, programa de canciones para el recuerdo. ``Amor de Hombre`` de Mocedades, ``Radio Líder, siempre contigo``, Anuncian El Gran Estelar del Domingo todos los Domingos, no se lo pierdan. Identificación de la emisora entre cada canción. A las 0530 interfiere la BBC en Hausa que transmite en 6135. En la banda lateral USB se escucha perfecta. A las 0558 identificación completa: ``Desde Bogotá, Colombia, transmite Radio Líder, en canal preferencial. HJCU, Radio Líder AM estéreo. 730 kilociclos. Otra potente emisora de la Cadena Melodía en Colombia. En Radio Líder 730 kilociclos AM estéreo. Esta es la hora oficial: es la una, la hora que Radio Líder llega a los diferentes países del mundo. Escúchenos en la frecuencia de 730 kilociclos, onda larga y en 6140 kilociclos, onda corta, banda de 49 metros. Escribanos a nuestro correo electrónico radiolider @ cadenamelodia.com o al apartado aéreo 19823, Bogotá, Colombia. Indíquenos la hora, la ciudad donde escucha a Radio Líder y a vuelta de correo reciba un fabuloso premio. Radio Líder, siempre líder en el mundo.``

A las 0600 comienza la emisión de DW en inglés que tapa por completo la transmisión de R. Líder. Sorprendente la estabilidad de la señal y la claridad en la recepción. 34443 (José Bueno, Córdoba, España, JRC NRD-535, Antena Watson PBX-100, Lugar Casco urbano, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Hello Glenn, greetings again from Venezuela. I have a way to "measure" how the propagation conditions are at my site; whenever I can hear Faro del Caribe, the conditions will be awful. 5055, Radio Faro del Caribe, Costa Rica, 28/09, 232, 0955 MA in Spanish with religious comments, partial ID: ``escucha Faro del Caribe... escribanos al apartado 120-1350, San Sebastián, Costa Rica'', religious song, Another ID: "Esté escuchando Faro del Caribe, amplitud modulada". Pretty weak and noisy signal (Fernando Viloria, Guacara - Carabobo State - Venezuela, Rx: Icom IC-720 transceiver, Antenna: 1/4 wave sloper, Antenna tuner: MFJ - 956 (passive), DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA

** CUBA. Starting at 00 UTC Sept 29, tonight at 8 PM EDST we will be testing a transmitter on 5055 kHz, program feed in Spanish from 00 to 05 UT and in English from 05 to 07. Signal reports will be

appreciated! Send them to arnie @ rhc.cu 73 and DX (Arnie Coro C02KK Host of Dxers Unlimited, Sept 28, ODXA via DXLD)

RHC 5055.0 in Spanish 0000 to 0100 was loud and clear with "Revista informativa de la noche" but at 0105 wipeout by 5050 WWRB in English. 73 (Dino Bloise, FLORIDA, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good Evening! Yes, RHC is very loud in Southern California right now on 5055. Right about S9+35dB. Best 73's, (Dan N6PEQ/KDX6T Dankert, <http://www.n6peq.com> Tustin, California Icom IC-7800 Dipole for 5 MHz, 0155 UT Sept 29, ODXA via DXLD)

5055, Radio Habana Cuba, 0603-0615, 29-09. Estoy escuchando ahora, a Radio Habana Cuba con sus emisores de prueba en 5055 kHz. con programa en inglés, locutor y locutora con comentarios y música. La señal es más bien débil desde el interior de mi domicilio, un bloque de viviendas en el casco urbano de Lugo. 25222. Se escucha más fuerte Radio Rebelde en 5025 con SINPO 35333.

De confirmarse que Radio Habana Cuba se queda durante toda la noche en esta frecuencia de 5055 kHz, será una mala noticia para todos los aficionados a las bandas tropicales, pues estará interfiriendo claramente a la recientemente activada Faro del Caribe de Costa Rica que transmite en 5054.6 kHz.

Ya que el Sr. Arlando Coro pide que se le envíen informes de recepción a la dirección arnie @ rhc.cu para saber cómo están llegando en esta frecuencia, se le debería hacer saber la interferencia que causan a Faro del Caribe. Yo por mi parte así lo haré. Cada vez nos quedan menos emisoras domésticas y si encima, las grandes emisoras internacionales las interfieren, las estarán condenando definitivamente a la muerte (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 4 metros, Lugar de escucha: casco urbano de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos Manuel, yo la he escuchado en español esta mañana de 0435 a 0442 emitiendo noticias y un programa deportivo. 5055 R. Habana Cuba en español, 0435-0442, 29-09-2005, Noticias, programa deportivo ``24 horas``, varios deportes. Reportaje sobre USA de la corresponsal Bárbara Betancourt. 33443

Me gustaría saber hacia dónde se dirige esta señal y a quién en particular va dirigida. Comparto la opinión del amigo José Hernández Madrid de que la ITU debería negar estas frecuencias a emisoras internacionales, o al menos obligarlas a que la potencia fuera proporcional a las más débiles (José Bueno, Córdoba, España, Sept 29, Noticias DX via DXLD)

I agree in principle, but it could be worse, interfering with something more significant than a gospel huxter unable to modulate adequately on an accurate frequency. It has already been explained that RHC is testing new equipment, and will not necessarily retain 5055. I wonder if that has something to do with the mess on 6000? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jamming ITSELF? 6000, R Habana Cuba with two different transmitters - English and Spanish on Sep 24 at 0303-0310 (and later) UT, equal quite strong levels (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 24 via DXLD) Whee, another variation of commies vs commies! (gh, DXLD)

RHC 5055, Setiembre 28, 0200. Tremendo heterodino generado por el choque con TIFC Faro del Caribe, haciendo pr-cticamente imperceptible a cualquiera de las dos, dominando Cuba por su mayor potencia.

Dino, leí en DXLD-5169 una transcripciÔn suya sobre un envío de Arnie Coro, sobre el uso de 5055 por parte de RHC, y que yo recuerde ellos nunca han usado en el pasado esa frecuencia, en la cual ha reaparecido TIFC Faro del Caribe.

Lo curioso es que usted no percibiÔ anoche a la misma hora, el heterodino que se produce al chocar ambas en la misma frecuencia, y esto ya hace presumir la que se va a armar (estilo Radio Mil/VC 6010), si Arnie apelando al sentido com'n, no decide irse a hacer pruebas a otra frecuencia. De todos modos el agrega que la antena usada tiene demasiada altura sobre el suelo para hacer viable ahÍ esa aplicaciÔn.

La tirada con esto es que si RHC persiste en utilizar dicha frecuencia no se va a poder escuchar ni la una ni la otra, es decir, ni la tica ni la habanera. Así que h-gale saber a Arnie, porque a mÍ no me ha respondido una consulta sobre la antena T2FD, que como decía su coterr-neo y admirado de grata memoria Leopoldo Fern-ndez "Tres Patines"... "Caminando, chico. Cosa m- grande la vida!!!". Un saludo cordial (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Sept 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 9505, Radio Rebelde, 1015-1037 Sept 28. Noted a parallel program as broadcast on Radio Rebelde of 5025. Signal on 9505 was very poor. I was hoping to hear Radio Tacna here, but instead heard Rebelde. Don't know if the transmission on 9505 is a spur or an actual relay. I have Cuba listed on this frequency earlier in the day, but not at this early morning time. Many times the shortwave signals from Cuba skip over me and can be mistaken for DX, depending on the time of day. I get the same effect from WYFR in Okeechobee. I am wondering now, if the recent loggings from some of Radio Tacna on 9505, were actually Rebelde? Just an after thought (Chuck Bolland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rebelde surely intentional here; Tacna is slightly off frequency when active (gh, DXLD)

** DENMARK [non]. Re 243 kHz to be closed: So, there is a chance to move Europe-1 Saarlouis 183 kHz and DLR Oranienburg 177 kHz into raster 180/243 kHz in future? (Wolfgang B.schel, BCDX via DXLD)

** EL SALVADOR: 17838.4v, Radio Imperial (presumed); 1926-2002+, 22-Sep; M announcer in Spanish with folk music -- sounds very Greek-like. Music is much cleaner than voice. Brief break at 2000 but didn't catch any ID; same music program continued. Frequency drifted up; .35 at tune-in to .46. SIO=222 with better peaks (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Greek-like?? Better check 17705 to be sure this is not a spur from ERA Delano! Or after 2000 it's also on 17565 Greenville (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Imperial (presumed) making an appearance here on 17838.3 this afternoon at 1840. Rapid talks in Spanish by man and woman. Signal drifted up to about 17838.4 by 1910. Unfortunately the signal was in one its many long deep fades at ToH (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, Sept 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15660 Tensae Ethiopia R (presumed) on Sep 25 (Sun). Strong at first but weakened. At tune-in 1518 UT session of 'fore'man yelling excitingly with crowd then repeating same. Had to leave the receiver at 1530 UT when same was still going on (Finn Krone-DEN, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 26 via DXLD)

Both via Samara-RUS 250 kW 188 degrees (wb, ibid.)

Interesting report found on the internet:
Tensae reported on its website tensae.com :

Our web hosting company has received a complaint that <http://www.tensae.com> has false and defamatory statements. In order to continue hosting us, the company needs to provide a written response. We have less than 72 hours to save or shut down Tensae website.

However, as Tensae failed to provide any support for its defamatory allegations, the web host suspended Tensae.com from its servers. It is now weeks since the Ethiopian defamation victims' lawsuit against Tensae was announced, and neither Tensae nor its operators have written a single word to support or explain their malicious lies against the defamation victims. Full Aug 30 story on <http://allafrica.com/stories/200508300431.html>

So now found as <http://www.tensae.net/>
(Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 26 via DXLD)

** GAMBIA [non]. UNID, 9405, Arabic program was heard on 9405 kHz at 2004-2030(S/off) on Saturday, Sept 17. Mainly talk by a man and a woman. Arabic song at 2024 UT. Address in Limassol, Cyprus was announced at 2015 & 2027 UT. Voices from the Diaspora has used this frequency on Saturdays, but it was not the station (Iwao Nagatani, Japan, Japan Premium, Sep 23 via BCDX via DXLD)

Glenn: Sounds like T-Systems might have played the wrong program last Saturday. I know there was a problem with their FTP site and VO Diaspora was not able to upload last Saturday, but they should have played the previous week's program. The FTP site has since been fixed, so there shouldn't be a problem this week (Jeff White, RMI [which brokers the program], Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Today Deutsche Welle officially announced the upcoming reformatting of the German program:
<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,1564,1723208,00.html>
For target areas outside Europe the new scheme is supposed to consist of two hours each in the morning and evening, but in some cases it is difficult to find it reflected in the frequency usage. Anyway there will be a morning service to North America on 15445, 1400-1500 via Bonaire and 1500-1600 via Sackville. The new format calls for regionalized information. In plain language: There will be different versions of DW German for individual target areas, i.e. no longer all frequencies will be always in parallel (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lengthy DW B-05 schedule, SW & satellite, DRM, has been posted on the dxldyg Sept 27. It may be a while before I get it fixed up for DXLD itself, or maybe just the Englisch portion (gh, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0415-0538, 27-09, Locutor, espa0ol, canciones religiosas. Identificaci0n: "Radio Verdad". A las 0502 programa en ingl0s. 24222 (Manuel M0ndez, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable 10 metros orientada WSW, Lugar de escucha: Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Espa0a, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. KIP0, Honolulu, *89.3, is about to move its tower and increase power in order to cover all of Oahu. Interviewed on KHPR *88.1, the network's key station in Honolulu, Michael Titterton, station manager, said the KIP0 transmitter will be moved from Tantalus, a mountain overlooking Honolulu, to a more centrally located Pali or cliff elsewhere on Oahu. And power will be raised to 26 kW, which he said would be the same as KHPR. The changes are slated for

the fall or end of 2005y. The move has been 17 years in the making. When completed, the move will give KIPO coverage of about 95 percent of Oahu (Sept FMedia! via DXLD)

** INDONESIA [and non]. Kang Guru Radio English

Very pleased to received the following e-mail:

Many thanks for your report. It is really wonderful to have contact from you again, although I only joined KGRE myself in February this year. I have never met Greg. Kevin Dalton is now the project manager and has been since 2000. I believe the office moved to Bali well before that. If you have seen our website on <http://www.kangguru.org> you will have seen how big and diverse the project has become now!

Some of our new development includes a network of live English language programs across Indonesia. These we call "Interactive English". We do not present or produce these programs ourselves. However, we do source, encourage and assist motivated individuals to get airtime for themselves. Usually the presenters get on air for an hour, play our prerecorded program for 20 minutes and then have 40 minutes of in studio guests or phone in from listeners --- usually discussing some of the topics from our show. We are currently writing a guide book for these presenters and developing recorded material to send them to help them --- such as jingles and recorded interviews etc. We had our first training workshops with 6 of these presenters a few months ago. We invited them and paid for them to come to Bali for a three day workshop. They came from far corners of Indonesia. It went really well. Since then I have been out to visit three of the presenters to see how its going for them and to see how and if they implemented what they learned from us. Soon we will invite the next six to Bali.

It always gives me great pleasure to hear from people around the world. Years ago I was involved in various short wave radio projects and internet radio projects originating in Ireland (where I am from) and it always gave us such a buzz to get letters from far corners of the world. These projects are still running so if you are interested take a look at <http://www.liveireland.com> and <http://www.emeraldradio.com>

Many thanks again,

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(via Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IRAQ/SPAIN: ISLAMIC MEDIA FRONT RELEASES
SECOND NEWS BROADCAST**

On 27 September, "Al-Jabha al-A'lamiya" posted a message on the Minbar Ahl al-Sunnah wa-al-Jama'ah forum which links to the Global Islamic Media Front's second news bulletin. The Al-Qa'idah-affiliated group released the first broadcast of "Sawt al-Khilafah" (Voice of the Caliphate) on 21 September.

The one-minute 31-second video features a lone, masked spokesman who proceeds to read a short statement denouncing the Spanish court's sentencing of Al-Jazeera correspondent Taysir Alluni to prison and stresses the need for solidarity with their brother. Unlike the first broadcast, the news presenter had no Koran or machine gun at his desk. A translation of the statement follows:

"God's peace and blessings be upon you.

"In an urgent report aired a short while ago, the Qatari Al-Jazeera channel said that the Spanish court looking into the case of our Muslim brother Taysir Alluni sentenced him to seven years in prison. The Sawt Al-Khilafa media establishment on the web has issued a statement strongly denouncing the practices of the infidel Crusader Spanish courts against the Muslim journalist Taysir Alluni, the correspondent of the Qatari Al-Jazeera channel. The statement stressed full solidarity with our brother Taysir Alluni in his ordeal and against the injustice he is being subjected to due to his reporting on the news with full neutrality and according to the internationally-established standards of journalism.

"Thank you and God's peace and blessings be upon you."

The Minbar Ahl al-Sunnah wa-al-Jama'ah at <http://www.minbar-islam.com/forum> reappeared on 9 August after five months offline. Its "News of Jihad and Mujahidin" forum carries statements from Al-Zarqawi's group and other insurgent groups in Iraq. Source: BBC Monitoring research 28 Sep 05 (via DXLD)

**** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. New satellite channels: see IRAQ**

**** INTERNATIONAL WATERS. COALITION MARITIME FORCES, 6125, Information R (presumed) on Sep 24 at 0230-0315 UT --- every time I listened in**

only the usual type of ME music, no talk. Mixing with stronger REE. I don't know when it switched to 9133 kHz where I heard it 0438 past 0618 UT. Same pattern and no speech noted even on the hour 0500 UT. Very weak, signal fading in and out (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 24 via DXLD)

6125, tuned in early today, at 0031, and found fair to quite good signal of ME songs and announcements this time. Past 0135 (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 25 VIA DXLD)

**** IRAQ. OBSERVATIONS ON NEW ISHTAR SATELLITE TV CHANNEL**

Ishtar (Babylonian and Assyrian goddess of love, fertility and war), a new Iraqi television channel that is testing on the Nilesat (7 degrees west), Hot Bird (13 degrees east), Intelsat Americas 5 (97 degrees west) and PAS-8 (166 degrees east) satellites, was observed on 26 September to carry the following on-screen messages in Arabic, Assyrian and Kurdish:

"Ishtar, a symbol of love, beauty, heroism and victory."

"Ishtar, an Iraqi satellite channel that believes in the freedom and independence of media and its active role in consolidating the basis of democracy and pluralism."

"Ishtar aims at promoting a spirit of fellowship, cooperation and harmony among the various Iraqi political, religious and ethnic groups."

"Ishtar, a bridge of love and connection for all Iraqis everywhere."

"Ishtar gives special attention to the Chaldo-Assyrians and their intellectual and cultural heritage and seeks to develop their culture and strengthen their political and social presence in order to enable them to play their role in the new Iraqi society."

"Ishtar, your free channel, will soon broadcast in Assyrian, Arabic and Kurdish."

Apart from animated footage of the Ishtar Gate and a video of natural scenes from Iraq, the television was not observed to carry any programmes during its test transmission.

Satellite details: Nilesat 7, degrees west --- Frequency 12303 MHz, horizontal polarization, symbol rate 27500, FEC 3/4

Hot Bird, 13 degrees east --- Frequency 11534 MHz, vertical polarization, symbol rate 27500, FEC 3/4

Intelsat Americas 5, 97 degrees west --- Frequency 12090 MHz,
horizontal polarization, SR 20000, FEC 3/4 Source: BBC Monitoring
research 26 Sep 05 (via DXLD)

IRAQ: AL-NASR TELEVISION OBSERVED ON NILESAT

A test card for Al-Nasr television, a new Iraqi television channel ,
was observed on the Nilesat satellite, which is located at 7 degrees
west and covers the Middle East, North Africa and some parts of
Europe. Against the backdrop of animated images of Iraq's map, the
Iraqi flag and the television's logo, an on-screen message gives
information on the television's transponder, contact telephone
numbers, and e-mail address.

Al-Nasr television transmits on the following transponder:

Frequency: 11747 MHz Polarization: Vertical

Symbol rate: 27500 FEC: 3/4

Source: BBC Monitoring research 27 Sep 05 (via DXLD)

** ITALY. Ciao! R. Marilyn Int. 6218.7 KHz - c/o Carlo Bellabarba -
Via della Dozza 14 - 40128 Bologna con QSL e info in 80 giorni. Si
0.45 Euro. si il V/s È proprio lui !!! Carlo Bellabarba !!!! (Roberto
Pavanello, via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So --- you are not allowed actually to hear this station in order to
QSL it, right? (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN. 9760, Sep 26 [UT Mon], 2300- Nikkei R, Nagara. Seems to be
on the air also on other days, not just weekends (Mauno Ritola,
Finland, Sept 27, HCDX online log via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. September 27, 1408 UT, 5102, the Voice of Jammu and
Kashmir Freedom, anti-Indian government programming, was heard till
the close down 1432. Signal strength S5-7, and overall reception quite
good. Power is 10 kW, says the WRTH. This is the first signs of the
new Asia season on SW. 73 de (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. [UNID Kurdistan]. 13800 Kurdish workers station?
on Sep 26 (Mon) at 1650-1700* UT with 1658 something sounding like
'... kargaran-e Kargania Sharodje Jayami Jodobhe Kargaran-e kargaran
Nastashe Kurdestan' very short music and 'Kargaran (Ne)starodje
Kargan-e Kurdestan' + telephone + very short music (2-3 secs), pip and
off. (very phonetic, hi) Have I missed something or is this new? In
fact I think I heard this before but cannot find notes. Help? via
Kichinev [Moldova]? (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 26)

Hi Finn, usually Internationaaaaal station via Grigoriopol-MDA [short call of USSR era KCH] in Farsi, maybe they spread out a Kurdish corner on Mondays only? (73 wb)

Radio International Farsi

1630-1700 Daily 13800 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg

1700-1715 Tue/Thu/Sat 13800 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg

It is possible to listen to the daily audio files on the Radio International website: <http://www.radio-international.org>

The current file (the text header is auto-dated 27 Sept, but probably it is still yesterday's transmission) includes the mentioned reference to Kurdistan, repeatedly made by the program's presenter in connection with a telephone interview. After that the presenter gives an ID for "Radio International" with the telephone numbers for RA, then the program closes. The language is Farsi (Iranian Persian) throughout.

From a Farsi speaking person I received a translation of the end of yesterday's Radio International transmission with the Kurdistan item observed by Finn and heard in the Monday audio file on the RI website. The item is a telephone interview with a worker from the Shohut Sock Company in Iranian Kurdistan who is criticizing factory officials for firing half of the factory workers. The workers are on strike and struggling.

It's about the struggle of workers at the Shohut Sock Company in Iranian Kurdistan. I quickly listened through the recordings for each day, and I can see that typically they have phone-in reports about workers' actions --- that is what they give the phone numbers for and that is what the activities of the Worker-communist Party of Iran is about, i.e. to support these workers.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran (which is producing the Radio International programs) is supporting worker's actions in Iranian Kurdistan, see a.o. <http://www.kargaran.org>
(Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 27 via DXLD)

** LAOS. 4677.88, Lao National Radio, at 1115 to 1130 UT, fading up with some audio, music 21 Sept. ; 20 Sept. same time similar details (Robert Wilkner-FL-USA, DXplorer Sep 25 via BCDX via DXLD)

** LATVIA. This weekend relays 9290 kHz
October 1 Saturday
0600-0700 Radio Six
0900-1000 Radio Joystick

October 2 Sunday

1100-1200 Radio Six

1800-2100 RMRC

Good Listening (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. VOICE OF LIBYA IN EXILE TARGETS QADDAFI

By Nick Grace, September 26, 2005

The Libyan airwaves have once again heated up with the launch of an opposition radio program that seeks to build support within the country for Muammar Qaddafi's overthrow. Broadcast 24/7 from an unknown location in Europe the Voice of Libya/Voice of Libya in Exile began test transmissions on satellite and the Internet on September 19, 2005. The program can be monitored on the Web at <mms://64.71.150.30/radiolibya> and on the Eutelsat Hotbird satellite at: D/L Frequency: 12.597 MHz Symbol Rate: 27,500 FEC: 4/3

Its main sponsor is the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL), a well-known exile group that maintains strong resources within the country and was once supported by U.S. and U.K. intelligence. Between 1984 and 1990 the NFSL broadcast the "Voice of the Libyan People" from transmitters in Sudan, Egypt and Chad until the U.S. pulled support for the project. The station resumed briefly in 1994 via satellite.

Plans for the new program, according to a source within the Libyan exile community, were hatched during a major conference of the country's opposition in London last June and its establishment was included as one of the meeting's final resolutions. In addition to the NFSL, the station is also supported by the Libyan National Movement, the Libya Alliance, the Republican Grouping for Justice, and the Amazigh Grouping. The Muslim Brotherhood boycotted the conference.

A press release on the NFSL Web site announces the launch of Voice of Libya/Voice of Libya in Exile and solicits reports on reception within Libya. <http://www.libya-nfsl.org/PressReleases/3078.htm>

(Nick Grace, Clandestine Radio Watch Sept 26 via DXLD) No SW (gh)

** MEXICO. Monitored Ana María Salazar's Imagen News of Mexico on XEDA, as in 5-169, UT Tue Sept 27 at 0400 on webstream playing at only 8 kbps. Seems she interjects her opinions along with the news. Not necessarily a bad thing, but just so you know. It is personality-driven, shall we say, rather than news-driven. First commercial break at 0405 was in --- Spanish. Or rather they were mostly government PSAs and station promos, one ad for a bank. Second segment was on economy and finance with Gabriela Ruiz. Ana María said her blog is at <http://www.mexicotoday.com.mx> with some ``bullets`` of news. Third segment at 0410, some guy with sports. Another commercial/PSA break in Spanish at 0415, then interview with someone from a group called

Mexico for All, on a coalition to unite the left, politics with a presidential election coming up next year. Wrapped up at 0424, saying it is on every day at 5:30 am and 11 pm, so which one is the repeat, or neither? But then AMS herself continued with a news summary in Spanish until 0428. XEDA program grid shows the weekend show Living in Mexico at 1500 UT Sat & Sun is one hour long.

Rather superficial, but Americans yearning for some news in English from inside Mexico now have a source. The intended audience of this show is not clear, Mexicans who speak English or the scattered expatriate community around the country?

Remember when Mexico City had a full time English-language station, XEVIP on 1560, I think it was? Long before internet streaming. The largest city in the world ought to be able to support one ethnic English station now, but I am not aware of any (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 49m is normally dead here by 1500, but I checked it anyway Sept 29 at 1501, and was surprised to hear two stations mixing on 6185, one in Spanish. After making sure it was not // to any of the super-strong R. Martí frequencies on higher bands, I cannot imagine it being anything but R. Educación on the air in the daytime, altho supposedly limited to night hours only, 23-11 during DST. As for the other, could not identify the language, maybe Chinese, but checking various listings for possibilities: HFCC A-05 has nothing anywhere in the world on 6185 at this hour (no listing for Mexico at night either). EiBi has Mexico at night, and Brasil 24 hours, but surely not that. Some Chinese and Singapore use of 6185, but not at 1500. NDXC is more helpful: 6185 China Huayi Bc. Corp. 0830-1700 1234567 Chinese/Amoy Chengdu 15 ND CHN 10400E3042 CHBC --- But that is only 15 kW non-directional (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. It appears that also the nature of Salama Radio International was often misinterpreted in the DX press. Rather than having anti-Nigerian undertones, this is a missionary program for the whole of West Africa (originally, the plan was to broadcast in English, French, Arabic, Hausa and Fulfulde), and in 2002 the activities were moved from the UK to Nigeria where the programs of Salama Radio International are broadcast locally on FM, acc. to the station. There is a good portrait of the station on this German website: <http://www.asamnet.de/~bienerhj/vereinigtes.html> (Bernd Trutenau-LTU, DXplorer Sep 26 via BCDX via DXLD)

But now it has been cancelled once again, as in 5-169 (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. Pirate log --- heard Radio KSUR at 0035 UT 9/23/05 (UT date) on 6925 kHz in the AM mode with a strong and clear music

signal here in St. Louis, MO. However, the voice ID was so distorted that it was practically impossible to understand. The signal cut off at 0038 UT.

Following that, a very faint SSB signal was heard on the frequency, and then at 0040 a weaker-strength-than-before AM signal came back on with the same distorted voice, giving the e-mail address of "radioksur@yahoo.com". I really could not understand that series of letters; when I just now got on-line I did a Google search for the various combinations of letters I thought it might be and found a reference to that station and e-mail address back from some time ago, so that's how I figured it out. The signal went off-air at 0100 UT. Regards, (Will Martin, Sept 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. New FM station grants: Woodward, *88.1, 100000 h,v; 206 m, direxional antenna with 66% power 120-130 degrees, University of Oklahoma in a settlement agreement (Sept FMedia! via DXLD)

This one has been in the works for several years. I have been in contact with KGOU GM Karen Holp about its progress. While it could be a 100% relay of KGOU, that station does not play classical music, but specializes in jazz, since there is full-time classical KCSC as well as part-time KOSU in the OKC area. But out in NW Oklahoma this will fill a considerable hole in public radio programming, and a more diversified format including classical would be more appropriate.

While this was being planned, KTOT 89.5 Spearman TX came on as a full relay of KANZ 91.1 Garden City KS, which is also diversified public radio including daily classical music blocks, and its coverage overlaps 88.1 Woodward to some extent, so I suggested the new station be counter-programmed as far as when to schedule classical blocks. There is also some overlap with another new public radio relay from the outskirts in the other direxion, KCCU's repeater around Clinton/Weatherford on 89.1.

Low-power KGOU 106.3 Norman and its only slightly higher-powered relay KROU 105.7 Spencer are not audible in Enid, tho 105.7 used to be with a big antenna until Alva came on the same frequency a few years ago. Will 88.1 Woodward provide an additional public radio service to Enid, especially since KOSU 91.7 Stillwater is somewhat degraded by moving site closer to OKC? Woodward is a bit too far out for easy caradio reception, some 87 road miles away, maybe slightly closer by air miles depending on the transmitter site, and we also have a Family Radio gospel-huxter translator on 88.3, which will keep us from listening to 88.1 in the car. The direxional antenna requirement will not affect us, due east. It is obviously to protect another gospel huxter, 88.1 in Moore of the Oasis Network, next to Norman (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. (tentative) Radio Sultanate of Oman, 9760 kHz at 0250 UT on Sept 9 with ME music, 0259 chimes and man in Arabic with what sounded like mentions of Oman, then into apparent news. Back to music at 0313 UT with woman host. Listed here [where? HFCC] but for 0200*. WRTH A05 does not show this frequency at all (Gerry Dexter, WI, DXplorer Sep 25, via BCDX via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. I have just spent eight days in Port Douglas, which is about an hours drive north of Cairns in North Queensland, Australia. I took along my Sony ICF SW 7600G receiver and about 10 metres of wire for an antenna.

I was able to listen to NBC Port Moresby during local daylight at good strength on 9675 kHz and 4890 kHz early morning and evening.

I also checked out "Wantok Radio Light" on 7120 kHz and they were easily heard in the local morning and evening, between 2100-2300 and 0900-1100 UT. They have lots of inspirational music and talk in English and Tok Pisin that I personally found hard to listen to. As an example, PNG has just celebrated 30 years of independence and amongst all the Christian propaganda I heard was the phrase "There can be no independence without dependence on God". I would have thought that the last thing a country like PNG, with all its problems would need, is that sort of trite rubbish!

I also checked out the local AM medium wave band out of curiosity to see what was there. I only heard two stations, the first being Port Moresby on 585 kHz in \\ with 4890 kHz.

The other station was on 810 kHz and I expected it to be NBC Rabaul, a station I heard regularly in the late 1960's when I last lived in this area. But it was actually Radio Morobe in Lae in Parallel with 3220 kHz and 105.1 FM, according to station announcements. I couldn't hear the FM frequency as it is used by ABC Radio National in Cairns.

I tried for the Catholic station on 4960 kHz but I can't say for sure I heard it. At times there was a very weak station playing syrupy sweet Christian music but it was too weak to identify (Barry Hartley, NZ, on tour in N Queensland, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 23 via DXLD)

** PARAGUAY. R. Nacional de Paraguay slipping, down closer to 9736.5, this morning between 0900 and 1000, still good music (Pete Bentley, NY, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9737, Radio Nacional del Paraguay, 2200-2210, 26-09, Identificaci n: "En la banda de 31 metros, 9735 kHz transmite Radio Nacional del Paraguay, para Am rica y el mundo". Locutor. Canciones paraguayas.

45444. También 0804, 27-05. "Las cuatro de la mañana con cinco minutos en Radio Nacional del Paraguay". Hablando con los oyentes a través del teléfono. 45444 (Manuel Méndez, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable 10 metros orientada WSW, Lugar de escucha: Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, España, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5070.7, ONDAS DEL SURORIENTE. Quillabamba, 2302-2320 Sept. 23. Anuncios de: Caja municipal Cusco, El Castillo Mágico de Barney y el Litro 100 de Cusco. "...Transmitiendo a nivel nacional e internacional, Radio Ondas del Suroriente amplitud modulada 1400 kHz, Onda Corta 5070 kHz, banda de 60 metros y la gran cadena nacional vía satélite, 96.5 frecuencia modulada estéreo..." Nueva frecuencia en MW?? ex-1530 (WRTH-2005) (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, playdx via DXLD)

** PERU. 4748, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, 27/09, 1006, Andean music, MA in vernacular with comments and TCs. ID heard: station's name by announcer.

5940, Radio Melodía, Arequipa, 26/09, 1005. Two MA reading regional and local news, inviting to visit: "Primera Feria Tecnológica". ID: "...noticias por Melodía..." (Fernando Viloria, Guacara - Carabobo State - Venezuela, Rx: Icom IC-720 transceiver; Antenna: 1/4 wave sloper, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5939.6, Radio Melodía, Arequipa, 0640-0657, locutor, español, comentarios. Interferencia de University Network [WWCR] en 5935 kHz. Señal débil. 12321 variando a 23222 (Manuel Méndez, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable 10 metros orientada WSW, Lugar de escucha: Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, España, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA: 9505

** PERU. Re 5-169: some more about LV del Campesino, unknown QTH

Henrik Klemetz: "6895.412 is a slightly different frequency on which Radio Sensación and Radio San Miguel de El Faique (my recording from 2004 but ID is "Radio La Voz de San Miguel" /Bjorn) have been operating, but as time has shown, in Peru stations are switching from one frequency to another. There is an internet record from a local Peruvian source (Defensoría del Pueblo) about Radio La Voz del Campesino in Huarmaca so this must be the one. N.B.: in Feb 1997 there was a Radio La Voz del Campesino in San Miguel de El Faique operating on 4004.9 kHz, heard only once or twice in Bogotá".

Bjorn Malm: Thanks Henrik, I think it is QTH "Huarmaca" but I should like the DJ to give me the "hard proof". Henrik also sent me a copy of comments he made 2004 regarding my logging of LV del Campesino on 6956 kHz:

Quito 5/4 2004 6956.90 R. LV del Campesino, Huarmaca(Peru) 04/2004.

Henrik Klemetz 2004: "Radio La Voz del Campesino says their address is Calle Bolognesi 135, in Huarmaca. So the address in WRTH 2004 must be considered as out of date". (Björn Malm's website via DXLD)

Quito 27/9 2005 Tuesday edition: La Voz del Campesino has moved down from 6956 to 6895 kHz. Last night at the station's close down ceremony 0245 UT I finally got the QTH for 6895.412, La Voz del Campesino = Huarmaca. Poor reception this time but the "hard proof" is there. Comments, photos and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> 73s (Björn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quito 27/9 2005 Tuesday evening edition: 6895.2 Radio Sensación Huancabamba (Henrik Klemetz); 6895.3 Radio San Miguel de El Faique El Faique (Henrik Klemetz) Comments, photos and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> 73s (Björn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. La Baðera de Ulises remains at its usual time on REE, Tue Sept 27 1400+, best here on 17595. Since I was firing up the computer, I also brought up the webstream via <http://www.rtve.es/rne/ree/> which has both real audio and windows media embedded. But the RA stream was something else --- a talk show, giving time check as 4:23 pm at 1423 so it was live. Then I brought up the wm stream and it was Baðera with music // 17595 with the usual buffering delay, but a bitrate too slow for the music which continued to sound better on SW. So howcum they don't match and why doesn't REE explain each stream has different programming? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Hi all, a list of Spanish radio (no Canary Islands) with program in English or other languages.
<http://www.dxing.info/community/viewtopic.php?t=1876&highlight=>
(Fabrizio Carnevalini, Milano, Sept 29, dxing.info via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA [and non]. Dear Glenn & Wolfgang, I unsuccessfully monitored 9520 kHz during the past weekend --- propagation allowed no signal, not from RNZI or R. Veritas Asia; but today, 28 Sep at 1328: the carrier of R. Veritas Asia was engaged to open programming (check R. Veritas clip) at 1330 with IS, English ID, Sinhala (tentatively) plus announcements mentioning "Sri Lanka" followed by the tune that made me believe the other day, that the station was the SLBC; 25332 later with slightly better reception. I had to "clear the dust" off the yester-year tapes I have, and found an SLBC interval signal recording which I probably taped in the late 70's or in the following decade, and found out my memory didn't betray me for the song (check SLBC clip) is the very same R. Veritas plays at the start of the program beamed to CEY: surely not the national anthem but some

national song dear to Sri Lanka. DXAsia currently lists R. Veritas Asia 9520 kHz 1330-1400 Sinhala, 1400-1430 Tamil & 1430-1457 Telugu. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN/SR INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CHANGES**

Following Swedish Radio's annual language review, the decision has been made to close down the Radio Sweden Estonian and Latvian services, as well as the website in Polish. Among Immigrant Languages, Spanish and Turkish are closing down, along with the Swedish-language program "Passet". In announcing the decision, Swedish Radio Program Director Kerstin Brunnberg underlined that the changes were not made for budgetary reasons. Instead, she told a meeting of SR International staff Monday morning, the changes are intended to make it possible for the continuing Immigrant Languages to expand programming hours and staff.

In a previous review Polish was removed from the air, but was allowed to continue on the Internet. At the same time broadcasts in Estonian and Latvian were cut back.

Among the criteria in the annual review is how long the immigrant group in question has been in the country, meaning how long have they had time to integrate and be able to listen to programs in Sweden [Swedish?]. Most of the Spanish-speaking community here came after the 1973 coup in Chile. Turkish programming started 28 years ago, while many Turks may have come here after the 1980 coup. Many people from Turkey here are also probably Kurdish-speaking, and Swedish Radio added Immigrant Language programming in Kurdish several years ago.

The criteria for Radio Sweden include an aim to help democratization in target countries. Estonian and Latvian were added after the break-up of the Soviet Union. Now that those countries are members of the European Union, the democratization necessity is apparently perceived to be been accomplished.

The Immigrant Languages changes are expected to go into effect when Swedish Radio's P2 channel changes its schedule on January 16. The Radio Sweden changes will probably be made in connection with the international changes in shortwave frequency schedules at the end of March. There could be changes earlier, however, if that is possible within our current shortwave schedule. Posted at 02:41 pm by gwood <http://mediascan.blogdrive.com/> (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

TURKEY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SWEDISH RADIO'S DECISION ON TURKISH BROADCASTS | Text of report in English by Turkish news agency Anatolia

Ankara, 28 September: "Turkey will take action against decision of Swedish Radio to stop its Turkish broadcasting as of 15 January 2006," Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) spokesman Namik Tan said on Wednesday [28 September]. Speaking at weekly press briefing in Ankara, Tan said that the Turkish Embassy in Stockholm launched necessary initiatives at the Swedish MFA.

"Swedish MFA officials said that the radio is an independent channel which reviews its broadcasting policies every year. Officials noted that the radio channel decided to stop its broadcasting in several languages including Turkish and Spanish since Turkish people have well-integrated with the Swedish society. They added that the radio has given priority to other groups who have problems with integrating with the society. We will maintain our initiatives in Sweden," Tan added. Source: Anatolia news agency, Ankara, in English 1053 gmt 28 Sep 05 (via BBCM via DXLD) MYOB

** SWEDEN [non]. RADIO SWEDEN'S DRM TESTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Radio Sweden's DRM tests via RCI Sackville are postponed until further notice. The transmissions might be resumed later, on a new frequency and on another antenna. The broadcasts, beamed to Europe on 13650 kHz at 1815-1845 UTC with Radio Sweden in English, have given disappointing results according to reports on the DRM Software Forum. <http://www.drmrx.org/forum/showthread.php?s=2c999f55e91af02b356dc090784970dd&threadid=1186&perpage=15&pagenumber=1>
posted by Andy @ 09:55 UT Sept 28 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. CHANGE OF FREQUENCIES OF RADIO UKRAINE INTERNATIONAL FROM SEPT 27:

UTC	Frequency	from	- to:
0000-0500		7485	5830
0500-0800		9945	7420
0800-1300		15675	9925
1300-1700		7530	5830
1700-2400		7490	5830
2300-0400		7440	5910

(NRCU Alexander Yegorov-UKR, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 27 via DXLD)

That of course includes English at 2100, 0300 and 1100. For MUF propagational reasons, they feel they can't wait until Octend. Here we go again, NAm on 5910. Is RTTY still there, and tough luck, Marfil EstÈreo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Kim permanently off the air :-(

"My monthly appearance on VOA's Talk to America has officially, permanently ended. Thanks to all of you who made the effort to tune in every first Friday of the month, and who contributed with your phone calls and e-mails. I tried to line up interesting audio and guests to keep you coming back every four weeks."

<http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/> (via Andy Sennitt, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Hello, grabbed the program [WOR Extra 61 ready to start airing Thu 2030 on 15825], and I wanted to let you know that our sister station WVOG- 600 AM in New Orleans is back on the air. Broadcasting began approximately 2 days ago. Also, George McClintock has stepped down as general manager. Although he is semi-retired he will be assisting the station as needed for transmitter repairs. Also, I am the new Operations Manager for WWCN. Thanks again for another great program, (Zach Harper, WWCN, Sept 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Good luck, George! (gh)

** U S A. I often pause on an ubiquitous WYFR frequency for their music. Sept 27 at 1342 on 17505 it was a rousing piano rendition of Joshua at the Walls of Jericho, on the Portuguese service. All it takes is ignoring the relentless agenda of Family Radio and appreciating the performances pro arte (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What was Family Radio thinking of when they set up shop on 6855? Don't they realize how close they are to pirate territory? People are going to hear their programs and think it's all a joke! JKDI, (Pete Bentley, NY, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It so happens that pirates actually do use 6855, being careful to avoid WYFR hours, e.g.:

THE CRYSTAL SHIP: 6854v, USA, Date: 21 Sep 05. Time: 0117-0157+. Nicely produced program with several mentions of Blue States Republic. Parody news about Blue States vs. Red States. Audio clips from Civil Defense films, Richard Nixon, and others. Several IDs. Gave POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711 USA as addy. Fair to good (Joe Wood, TN, MARE via DXLD)

** U S A. HURRICANE KATRINA: Thanks to Robert Wise of Hobart and our secretary John Wright who sent me frequency lists for the U.S. Emergency Services networks immediately after this event.

NMG New Orleans. As soon as possible, a USCG C-130 flew over the transmitting site and found it appeared to be intact but that incoming services such as mains power would not be available for an extended period. The installation at NMG comprises three 10KW transmitters

(4317.9, 8503.9 & 12789.9 kHz) and associated antennas which provide weather FAX transmissions 0000 - 0845 & 1200 - 2045 daily. The charts originate from the Tropical Prediction Centre at Miami.

It was immediately arranged for sister station NMF Boston (4235, 6340.5, 9110 & 12750 kHz) to transmit the products normally transmitted by NMG. Slots available were 1015-1400 & 2215-0230. As noted in this column previously, NMG normally places good signals into southeastern Australia, on all its operational frequencies. (Wun list server)

WLO Mobile. Located just about 120 miles to the east of New Orleans, Mobile is the headquarters of the ShipCom LLC company which is one of few remaining organisations providing full radio services to mariners, includes monitoring voice call and radphone HF channels on a continuous basis. WLO and sister station KLB Seattle are controlled from the ShipCom complex at Mobile. These facilities are in a normal path for Gulf area hurricanes and the staff have become very adept at getting facilities operational again after hurricanes, particularly following two incidents last year.

The nearest USCG air base to New Orleans sustained extensive damage to the control tower and communications area during Katrina; however, with the assistance of ShipCom staff, VHF.UHF links were established between this base and WLO and thence to aircraft through WLO HF transmitters etc. This was achieved even though there was some severe damage to the WLO antennas (WUN list server via Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

There is no need whatsoever for HF or satellite maritime communications stations to transmit or operate from risky coastal areas. Some of the newer ones have been established well inland (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. URBONO update: From the Media Network Weblog:

Ken Beck, Entercom's VP/programming for news/talk and sports, has told the Billboard Radio Monitor that the United Radio Broadcasters of New Orleans (URBONO) will remain "all emergency all the time for the foreseeable future." Some of Entercom's own FM stations in New Orleans may soon start producing their own output, depending on how quickly they can get basic services such as clean water up and running. Entercom's New Orleans offices are on the fifth floor of the Dominion building, close to the Superdome. Beck said that although some windows were blown out of the building, some of the equipment is in remarkably good condition.

There is again a discrepancy between the shortwave schedules for

URBONO relays given on the websites of WWL and WHRI respectively. The WWL version says that WHRI is using 11785 kHz Mon-Fri at 1200-1400 UT and 15285 kHz Mon-Fri at 1400-2000 UT. WHRI's own schedule says that 5835 kHz is in use at 1200-1400 UT. Additional transmissions have also been observed outside these hours (via Andy Sennitt, Sept 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. URBONO via WHRI check UT Sept 27: did not check 5835 until just after 0600, but this time it was vacant. Around 1330, 11785 was on, as was 15285 after 1400. UT Sept 28, 5835 was not on at 0500 either, but the other two were again in use later. Ditto Sept 29. I see the WWL website has finally changed 5835 to 11785 at 7-9 am (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Stations in the periphery of New Orleans that are known to stay on the air include KLRZ 100.3 Larose. KLRZ ditched its regular ``Ragin' Cajun`` music format for emergency info. KXOR-FM 106.3 Thibodaux went to storm information with its rock format moving time-beingly to sister KJIN 1490 Houma.

The 297-m tower in Ellisville MS, owned by Clear Channel Communications, is down. It hosed WNSL 100.3 Laurel MS and WUSW 103.7 Hattiesburg. Also off in that market: WHER 99.3 Heidelberg, WZLD 106.3 Petal and WEEZ 890 Laurel. But co-owned WJKK 102.5 Ellisville remained on, helping to dispense emergency info. All the New Orleans stations off the air constituted ``the longest outage of so much broadcast activity in a large market in U.S. radio history,`` according to M Street (Sept FMedia! via DXLD) Altho not specifically dated, this info from Sept FMedia! is probably about 2 weeks old now (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. What a nice surprise to hear WTNI-1640 Biloxi already back on air. I don't know if they have changed their power or antenna pattern, but they were booming in this morning here in Italy with the relay of WUJM 96.7 Gulfport/Biloxi. I have uploaded a clip on <http://www.radioascolto.org/html/index.php> for anyone interested (Renato Bruni, Parma, Italy, JRC525 / K9AY, Sept 28, dxing.info via DXLD)

** U S A. New station grants: NM, Socorro, *88.7, 100 watts h,v; 572 m. Regents of the University of New Mexico. Note that KNMA *88.1 Socorro actually has its transmitter on the hills east of Alamogordo, and will not serve Socorro. KNMA will be a threat to K201BJ *88.1 Alamogordo. Says the FCC man: ``KNMA was another of those instances where the Commission granted a settlement agreement between conflicting parties. The applications were filed before adoption of the rule requiring 60 dBu coverage of the community of license. Can't tell yet what might happen to K201BJ; we'll have to wait and see,`` Dale Bickel, FCC (Sept FMedia! via DXLD)

** U S A. Ho hum, KXNT 840 Vegas pattern still must be out of whack

Honestly, I think these guys are only still using 1 stick ND or something similar. There's no way in Hades that I should be able to easily hear them on a mediocre night with WHAS phased and even note them on a portable!! At 2221 CDT local ads during a break from Michael Gallagher and then "The Talk Station AM 840 KXNT". Nevada again is trivially easy just like last season.

KNZZ 1100 CO night pattern deteriorating?

I never used to get a trace at night with WTAM phased and then last season they started showing up in good conditions (sometimes mixing with XENAS) and now, this season they sometimes even background WTAM without phasing! I don't think they are cheating as they seem stronger pre sunset. Anyone know what's up here? 73 KAZ near Chicago (Neil Kazaross, Sept 26, IRCA via DXLD)

Yeah, they were absolutely burying WTAM here in southern Missouri last night (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, Sept 27, ibid.)

The area where KXNT transmitter site is located was once open desert, but now it's a heavily developed suburban region with housing developments, commercial "strip" buildings, etc. No doubt their radiation pattern and ground plane are radically different from what they were decade ago (and from what they have on file with the FCC). I wouldn't be at all surprised if they have a de facto omnidirectional pattern now---and are cheating on night power as well (Harry Helms, W5HLH Smithville, TX EL19, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 5-169: Glenn: -- Just to clear up some minor misconceptions: Alex Langer made his fortune by inventing the "Flying Lure", used in Fishing activities, in the 70s or 80s. Around 1995, he decided he wanted to be a Broadcaster; what we see years later are the results of his essentially buying his way into the Biz. Alex does NOT own CRN (based in Los Angeles); Michael Horn does, and has since its inception in 1983. 73z ñ (GREG HARDISON, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WBIX, 1060, Natick MA, still on the air, despite being in bankruptcy, with layoffs of most of its employees. ``The station has gone from upside down to right side up, and now we're starting to go forward, and that in itself is an accomplishment,`` said Alex Langer. Langer is the [owner?] of the station which came on the air in 1997, and who had an agreement with Barru [Barry?] Bleidt to take over the station; however, Langer had to repossess. It is being run so that profits can go back to the station, and to compensate anybody who had been defrauded by Bleidt. Langer plans to move the station from its

Framingham studios to Boston, and to up the power from 40,000 to 50,000 watts. Langer plans to stay with the station's business format, which he feels has won for it a loyal audience (Sept FMedia! via DXLD)

** U S A. Radio Needs to Serve Listeners --- Not Wall Street

The industry needs to worry about serving the listener, not the suits on Wall Street. With all the format changes happening, they really don't care about the listener. It's a race of who will land in Chapter 11 first. 73, (Eric (NOUIH) Bueneman, MO, IRCA via DXLD)

In the rated markets, stations are enormously listener driven, with constant and ongoing local research to find out the perception of existing formats, the viability of new formats and the specific songs and talent to use. Some stations spend several hundred thousand dollars a year talking to listeners to find out what they want on the radio.

No station group of any size is in any danger of going bankrupt. All have cash flow to service any debt they carry, and some carry very limited debt. For example, the debt to equity ratio of Clear Channel is LESS than that of General Electric, one of America's finest run companies. Most of the consolidation in the late 90's was done with equity transactions and mergers, not debt.

However, we do have concern for the owners of the companies, as this is a business and is supposed to make money. Most of the owners are not on Wall Street, but on Main Street as these companies are mostly owned by Mutual Funds, retirement plans, 401/k plans and insurance companies, not a few wealthy individuals (David Gleason, CA, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. Oldies Radio --- One of the services sometimes carried by AFN on MW in Europe is called Oldies Radio. I am not at all familiar with this network, other than its relays on AFN MW. However I was listening during the early hours of Sunday morning 25 September around 0200 or so UT and, although the signal was obviously in mono, given that it was on Medium-Wave as it reached me, it was clear that we were only hearing one half of a stereo recording. This was shown up most clearly in 2 examples that I heard. Firstly, when playing "More, More" by the Andrea True Connection, the brass was rather more pronounced than it should have been. Later in the hour, Aretha Franklin's "Respect" hit the airwaves, but where were the backing singers? Nowhere to be heard.

Firstly, I appreciate that a signal coming from Oldies Radio in the US to a listener to AFN on MW in the UK has many links in the chain to pass through. However, I have to assume that a fault like this occurs in the original output area of Oldies Radio. Perhaps their output is

only heard on MW mono within the US, in which case they would probably hope that their audience won't notice if a channel is missing. And perhaps they think their audience is too young to remember what the records sounded like originally. However, they should remember that when most of these records first hit the airwaves and streets around the world, most people would have heard them in mono, given that FM stereo, or perhaps even FM itself, had not developed to the extent it now has, and indeed in some parts of the world MW has come (and almost gone). (PAUL DAVID, Wembley Park, United Kingdom, Sept 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

Assuming this is what happened, it is inexcusable to broadcast only one side of a stereo channel, rather than mixing them together for mono. However putting the singer on one channel only, backup only on the other would be an odd way to produce or reproduce music (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Reply: see BAHAMAS

** U S A. WRVU at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, shifts Ken Berryhill's shows to different days of the week. This season, assuming the grid at <http://www.wrvu.org/schedule.html> is current, titled Summer '05, we find him moved from Wednesdays to Mondays: 17-18 UT, Ken's Country [Classics] and 18-19 UT, The Old Record Shop --- shows which also appear in half-hour form on unstreaming WWCR. Eclectic student format has lots of intriguing titles, perhaps more so than their actual content, but you never know till you listen in, or inspect the playlists when provided. Here are a few I've added to my MONITORING REMINDERS CALENDAR: Tue 17-18 UT, 91 Montmartre, French/Canadian music; Sat 14-16 UT, Morning Masala, South Asian music; Sun 15-17 The Mixdown, electronic/experimental (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: Williamston MI Water System Telemetry; 173.210 MHz. 1716, 10-Sep; F/D letterhead received in a flash from Hizzoner the Mayor with snazzy new city logo (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. Intermod --- Glenn, In many years of consulting engineering work, I have encountered just about every spurious radiation or intermodulation problem you can conceive, but here is the one that may be the best story:

Some time back in the 1970's, before the "AM Freeze" was lifted, we obtained a construction permit for the 1250 kHz Seattle station (originally KTW, now some Disney call) to go to 24 hour operation, since they were already a "fulltime" station by virtue of their shared time authority for some nighttime hours. We built a new array for the nighttime operation, at the same site as and sharing some towers with the 1460 Kirkland, WA station (now belonging to Family Radio) but not

actually diplexed, as 1460 was still a daytimer.

The station's engineer and I tuned it all up and we filed the license application and got program test authority from the FCC to begin operation, and within a week or so got a complaint from the station in Everett, WA (just north of Seattle) on 1230 kHz, that they were experiencing interference, and that it seemed to be Morse code!

A little investigation with a field strength meter revealed that, indeed, there was Morse code transmission being radiated at about 18 or 19 kHz below carrier from the 1250 site - it was down about -70 dB, but we hadn't seen it when we'd done the proof of performance bandwidth measurements. A bit of thought resulted in disconnecting the incoming audio from the studio-transmitter telephone line, and it vanished. Although the transmitter was a wretched old Gates BC5P, it was somehow passing 18+ kHz RF, picked up on the phone line from the Navy's Jim Creek, WA VLF site, which is about 60 km north of Seattle, and modulating the RF with it!

The culprit was a nice "modern" solid state Tellabs audio amplifier that General Telephone had used to get the gain up high enough on the phone line to properly equalize it. Jim Creek runs several hundred kW, so the phone line, even though in old lead cable, was a "long-wire" antenna efficient enough to put a few mV into the front end of the Tellabs amplifier. I scrounged a vintage Western Electric 111-C repeat coil, with its nice Faraday shield, and that solved the problem of the Tellabs amplifier's miserable common mode rejection because its input transformer was cheap and sleazy. Evidently Jim Creek had been down for maintenance the night we'd done all the spurious emission tests for the license application, so we'd missed it.

I know the old war stories of any sort of technical specialists can be a crashing bore (although I love the technical short stories of Primo Levy, who was a superb and well respected chemical engineer), but I thought this might be a suitable item given your discussion in today's DXLD about intermod. We have many other stories, some pretty funny. and some pretty disgusting! Regards, (Benj. F. Dawson III, P.E. Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC, 9500 Greenwood Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103 USA, Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another town I recall which had a lot of AM mixing products on the FM band the last time I visited was Casper WY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. UNSHACKLED --- Hi Glen[n], I thought the following story regarding Unshackled might be interesting. I have a friend who is blind and who used to work on Unshackled when she lived in Chicago. Her name is Maureen Young. I think this was during the 1970's or

'80's, as she has lived in New York for quite a while. She used to get her scripts read on to tape, then she would copy them into braille and bring the braille copies to the taping. She once sent me a tape of Unshackled on which she had appeared. Indeed, she told me, she was never approached or hassled about her religious beliefs. I suppose if one could search the credits from that time period, her name might appear. Currently she teaches music at Julliard, and also teaches occasional voice-over classes. She has done some voice-over work for TV, the only commercial she ever sent me was for the Chic [Shick?] ladies' razor (Tim Hendel, AL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. 5040 kHz, La Voz del Upano, Macas, Ecuador, 28/09, 322, 1007 Holy rosary in progress. Checked again at 1016 and found frequency occupied by overmodulated signal of Radio Amazonas, Venezuela (Fernando Viloria, Guacara - Carabobo State - Venezuela, Rx: Icom IC-720 transceiver, Antenna: 1/4 wave sloper, Antenna tuner: MFJ - 956 (passive), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. A new target broadcast for Vietnam reportedly started last weekend via a transmitter in Taiwan on 9795. It is currently scheduled Sat/Sun at 1500-1600. The name of the broadcast and the producer has not yet been established (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Sept 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

9795 "Hi dear Takahito, may you can check this: Sat/Sun only. UNID to Vietnam at 1500-1600 UT on 9795 via Taiwan transmitter" (Wolfgang B, schel, BCDX via DXLD)

I tried on Sunday, September 25 at 1500 UT. But no such a transmission was observed. Observed KLNS in Russian only (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 26 via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA 6015, R Tanzania-Zanzibar on Sep 24 at 0315 UT, fair with Dar-es-Salaam ID at 0315 UT, then mentions of Zanzibar. Had become weak at tune-out 0333 UT (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 24 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. I've been listening to a signal on 3175 kHz, but it is buried in noise, I could barely hear Andean music, and a MA in Spanish but no positive ID. Any idea?? (Fernando Viloria, Venezuela, Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I'm still trying to catch the signal on 3175; today I couldn't hear anything; let's wait until conditions improve. Best regards, 73's (Fernando Viloria, Venezuela, Sept 28, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9711-SSB, an intruding 2-way Spanish contact in the 31m SWBC band. I wish some native speakers would monitor these and see if they can get any ID, or at least clues from the content, which is hard for me to understand, or from the accents. Sept 28 at 1404, however,

two pairs of co^rdinates, not too far from each other, were given twice and I was able to copy them. Perhaps someone can Google Earth and see if anything is visible out in the Pacific at: 108-03-05, 24-42-34, and 108-01-56, 24-42-48. E/W and N/S were not mentioned, but most likely west and north. These are often assumed to be (fishing) poachers, or drug smugglers. I also heard the word ``ancla`` mentioned = anchor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Ciao Dario un'araba su 18727 kHz alle 1600 UT. Sai per caso che roba e'? (Francesco Cecconi, Sept 29, via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, sorry. Non ne ho idea. Chiedi a Glenn Hauser. 73's (Dario, ibid.)

You mean a broadcasting station? See if it matches anything on 9363+, 6242+, 4681+, 3745+, as a harmonic. 73, (Glenn to Francesco & Dario, via DXLD)

Then Francesco sent me a clip; my Arabic not very good, but they seemed to mention Iraq a few times, and Saudi Arabia. Seems to me there were some Kurdish/Iraqi clandestines around 6242 and/or 4681, but I can't find any recent reports of them (gh, DXLD)

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PUBLICATIONS  
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ITU MONITORING REPORT, THIRD QUARTER 2005

Nuevo Listado de la ITU --- Saludos cordiales, un nuevo listado de la ITU est. disponibles en la siguiente direcci n:  
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/files/pdf/files/307.pdf>  
73 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Noticias DX via DXLD)

90 page pdf, updated to 16 Sept (gh, DXLD)

Euro-African Medium Wave Guide

A great web-site (formerly European MW Guide) in PDF form, edited by Herman Boel. The address is <http://www.emwg.info/> If you print it the number of pages is quite large. If you are adept at using your printer you can set up back-to-back printing. I set mine up to print two pages per sheet back and front, resulting in about 1/4 of the paper needed for full size one sided. However, I keep a magnifying glass at close hand with the reduced size! The EMWG is an invaluable resource in Newfoundland each fall, and might be handy to many of you folks on the Atlantic coast, too. The site is free, but Herman welcomes donations.

(Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

# PROPAGATION

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The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to unsettled at middle latitudes with some isolated active to minor storm periods at high latitudes.

## FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 28 SEPTEMBER - 24 OCTOBER

Solar activity is expected to be very to low through 04 October. Thereafter, and through about 18 October, activity levels are expected to increase to low to moderate due to the return of old Region 808 (S11, L=232). No greater than 10 MeV proton events are expected. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on 29 September ñ 03 October, 05 ñ 06 October, and again on 08 ñ 22 October. The geomagnetic field is expected to range from quiet to minor storm levels. Active to minor storm conditions are possible on 28 ñ 30 September and 01 October due to a recurrent coronal hole high speed wind stream. Otherwise, expect quiet to unsettled conditions.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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|   | 2005 Sep 29 | 80         | 20        | 4        |
|   | 2005 Sep 30 | 75         | 15        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 01 | 75         | 15        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 02 | 75         | 12        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 03 | 75         | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 04 | 80         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2005 Oct 05 | 85         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2005 Oct 06 | 90         | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 07 | 90         | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 08 | 90         | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 09 | 90         | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2005 Oct 10 | 90         | 10        | 3        |

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| 2005 Oct 12 | 90 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 13 | 95 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 14 | 95 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 15 | 95 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 16 | 95 | 10 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 17 | 90 | 10 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 18 | 85 | 10 | 3 |
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| 2005 Oct 21 | 80 | 10 | 3 |
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| 2005 Oct 23 | 80 | 10 | 3 |
| 2005 Oct 24 | 80 | 10 | 3 |

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